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## SHINING TIME STATION

"WASTELAND"

BY

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SCENE 1 (INT. STATION)

(STACY IS AT HER BOOTH FINISHING SOME PAPERWORK AND GOES TO THROW THE SCRAP INTO AN OVERFLOWING WASTE BASKET. SHE HAS TO JAM IT DOWN)

(DAN COMES OVER)

DAN:

Hi. Aunt Stacey.

STACY:

Oh, hi Dan. Say, you're just the fellow I'm looking for. Would you do me a big favour and empty all the waste baskets.

DAN:

Sure.

STACY:

Can't have Shining Time Station looking messy. Thanks Dan.

(WHILE DAN GETS A GARBAGE BAG AND EMPTIES STACY'S BASKET INTO IT. BILLY ENTERS FROM HIS OFFICE WITH SEVERAL PAINT CANS)

BILLY:

Hi Dan. Hi Stacy.

STACY & DAN:

Hi Billy.....

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#### SCENE 1 (CONT'D)

BILLY:

I thought I'd use up the rest of the paint in of the station.

these cans on the outside to touch up the bone sects on

STACY:

Oh, that'll look nice.

(AS BILLY EXITS, DAN CROSSES TO MR. C'S SWITCH HOUSE. HE CLIMBS UP ON THE BENCH AND TAPS ON THE WINDOW)

DAN:

Mr. Conductor? Are you in there? Today's garbage day.

(MR. C COMES OUT)

MR. C:

Hello there Dan. Oh Good. You're collecting the trash. Hold on. I think I can make a contribution.

(HE ENTERS HIS SWITCH HOUSE)

MR. C(VO):

An...here it is...

WITH A BIG BAG OF (HE **EMERGES** GARBAGE)

MR. C:

Don't go away.

(HE REENTERS THE SWITCH HOUSE)

MR. C(VO):

I've been doing a little housecleaning.

(HE REEMERGES WITH AN EVER BIGGER GARBAGE BAG)

MR. C:

Here's another one. I'm not done yet.

(HE REENTERS)

MR. C(VO):

... now where did I put that other bag...there it is...

(HE REEMERGES STRUGGLING UNDER A BAG BIGGER THEN HIMSELF)

MR. C:

Lot of memories in this one. But, hey, I need the room.

DAN:

ALL THIS came from in THERE!

MR. C:

Oh Yes.

DAN:

How did it fit?

MR. C:

I'm very organized.

SCENE 2 (INT. ENTRANCE)

(SCHEMER ENTERS CARRYING A BIG BOX. HE CROSSES TO THE ARCADE)

#### SCHEMER:

Gather around everyone. For a Schemer Special Deluxe One Day Only Event!

(KARA COMES OVER)

SCHEMER:

Step right up to the Enchanted Arcade, Young lady.

KARA:

Hi, Schemer.

SCHEMER:

For today only. A special once in a life-time offer. And it's absolutely free.

KARA:

What is it, Schemer?

(BECKY COMES OVER. ALL AD-LIB HELLOS)

**SCHEMER:** 

As I was saying: Am I nuts? Have my big brains started leaking out of my genius skull? What am I doing?

BECKY:

What are you doing?

#### SCHEMER:

I'm giving away the very delicious; very good, Lala Palooza Pops. Why? Why? Why?

KARA:

Is there something wrong with them?

SCHEMER:

With Lala Palooza Pops! I should say not! Here have one. You have one and I'll take one...

BECKY:

Thanks, Schemer. I never knew you to give anything away for free.

SCHEMER:

....yeah....

KARA:

Why are you giving them away?

(SCHEMER STOPS TO RECONSIDER)

SCHEMER:

Why AM I giving them away..and for FREE?!
...Hey, wait a second!
Here, gimme those back.

(HE SNATCHES THEM BACK)

SCHEMER (CONT'D):

What's the matter with me?...They're MINE.
They are ALL mine; do your hear me...MINE!

(KARA AND BECKY SHRUG AND START TO LEAVE)

SCHEMER:

No, wait ...

(SCHEMER RECONSIDERS AGAIN)

SCHEMER (CONT'D):

They're free samples. Some guy is paying me to get people to try them...and YOU can have one for only a nickel.

BECKY:

A nickel for free samples?

KARA:

No thanks Schemer.

(AGAIN THEY TURN TO DEPART)

SCHEMER:

Okay, okay, okay. Here. But don't ever say I never gave you anything.

(SCHEMER GIVES THEM OUT AGAIN. THEY LOOK LIKE OVER-SIZED DOVE BARS. THEY ALL START UNWRAPPING. THERE IS A LOT OF WRAPPING)

#### SCHEMER:

The guy said there were really, really good. made with extra healthy natural flavours.

(THEY REMOVE THE TOP WRAPPING AND THERE IS ANOTHER)

BECKY:

It's wrapped really well.

KARA:

It's tin foil.

SCHEMER:

seal That's to keep in all the natural goodness.

(THERE IS A THIRD LAYER)

BECKY:

What's this?

KARA:

Wax paper.

**SCHEMER:** 

That's to keep out germs and bad stuff.

(AND A FOURTH LAYER)

BECKY:

...cardboard?

**SCHEMER:** 

I quess that's so it keeps its shape.

keep it from setting

1st loyer that to make it beautiful

(AND A 5TH LAYER)

BECKY:

...is this plastic ...

SCHEMER:

That's to protect it from dangerous ultra violet rays of the sun. I quess.

(AND YET ANOTHER LAYER)

KARA:

What's this?

SCHEMER:

(PUZZLING)

It looks like hospital gauze. bandage

(THEY ALL UNWRAP SEVERAL TURNS OF ACE BANDAGE-TYPE MATERIAL)

#### SCHEMER:

That's probably to keep its healthy...hospital fresh...keep bugs from getting in. If you were a bug, you'd love this stuff...

(THEY FINALLY COME TO THE END. WHAT STARTED OUR LOOKING EXTRA LARGE IS NOW...)

KARA:

It's a little lollipop.

BECKY:

It's a tiny lollipop.

present it from injurged and hospitalizated

SCHEMER:

It's a very well wrapped healthy, little, tiny lolli.

(HE PUTS IT IN HIS MOUTH. PULL OUT THE EMPTY STICK)

SCHEMER:

...MMMMM good though. Don't you think?

(THEY PULL OUT THEIR EMPTY STICKS. TOO QUICK TO TELL)

KARA:

I quess so.

SCHEMER:

And full of American vitamins and healthy purity.

**BECKY:** 

But look at all this wrapping.

(THEY ARE NOW SITTING IN A PILE OF TRASH PAPER)

KARA:

It's a lot.

BECKY:

Where can we throw it?

SCHEMER:

Hey look. It's Dan Dan the garbage man.

(DAN COMES OVER)

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and field of healthy purity,

SCHEMER (CONT'D):

Just the fellow we're looking for.

BECKY:

Dan, is that garbage?

SCHEMER:

Take all this mess outta my arcade!

DAN:

There's no more room in here.

SCENE 3 (INT. ENTRANCE)

(JAKE SCOOP ENTERS AND HE'S CARRY-ING A BIG PILE OF NEWSPAPERS)

JAKE:

Hello Stacy Jones.

STACY:

Hello, Jake Scoop. How is your job on the newspaper working out?

JAKE:

Just great. Couldn't be better. Top of the world. Have you seen the paper?

STACY:

No, I haven't.

JAKE:

My story is the headline. The lead story. The big news...here.

(SHOWS HER A COPY. STACY TAKES A PAPER. WE READ WITH HER:)

STACY:

"The Garbage Dump is Closing"...Oh Dear.

(STACY GETS LOST IN THE STORY)

#### JAKE:

Pretty great isn't it? I wrote is all myself.
Searched out the facts.
Interviewed people, took careful notes, typed it all up...had to check some words in the dictionary...and the paper printed it and there it is!

#### STACY:

This is terrible.

#### JAKE:

I suppose you are entitled to your opinion, Miss Jones. But I'm telling you it's some of the best writing you'll ever read in this entire valley.

#### STACY:

No No No. Not your writing. Your writing is fine. The dump closing is terrible. Where are we going to put all our trash?

#### JAKE:

Beats me...here, I brought along lots of extra copies you can hand out to people.

#### STACY:

Then what are we supposed to do with them? Where are we going to throw them out?

JAKE:

...throw them out! No, no. You don't throw something as good as this out. You save it.

stop rating Servings

SCENE 4 (INT. JUKEBOX)

(DRESSING ROOM. TEX AND REX ARE HANGING OUT. DIDI POKES HER HEAD IN)

DIDI:

The garbage dump is closed.

(DIDI EXITS)

TEX:

We're going to have to make less garbage.

REX:

I don't make any garbage. I make music.

TEX:

What'll we do with our trash?

(HOLDS UP A TRASH BASKET)

REX:

Mmmmmmmmmmm.

TEX:

We can put it in a nice box.

(HOLDS UP A NICE BOX)

REX:

And cover it with pretty paper.

(BACK TURNED, THEY WRAP IT)

TEX:

And wrap it up with  $\sim$  ribbon....  $\wedge$ 

REX:

Now what?

(TITO POKES HIS HEAD IN)

TITO:

Did you hear? The dump's closed.

TEX AND REX:

And give it to him on his birthday!

TITO:

For me? You shouldn't have.

TEX AND REX:

....we know.

SCENE 5 (INT. STACY'S BOOTH)

(STACY IS WORKING AND A PAINT-STAINED BILLY COMES OVER)

BILLY:

There's a train coming in very slow on track 4.

STACY:

....track 4....

(STACY CHECKS HER LOG BOOK)

STACY:

That track's not in use and no one's scheduled to be on it.

BILLY:

I'm going to clean up and then I'll go out and have a look.

SCENE 6 (INT. STATION)

(JAKE IS STANDING IN THE ENTRANCE LOOKING AROUND. DAN IS DRAGGING THE GARBAGE BAG TOWARDS THE ENTRANCE)

DAN:

Hi, Mr. Scoop.

JAKE:

Yeah hiya, kid.

DAN:

Whatcha doing?

SCOOP:

I'm doing what I'm always doing. Looking for fresh amazing news. The truth behind the truth...the BIG story.

DAN:

I have a story.

JAKE:

Yeah Yeah. Goldilocks ate the three little pigs. I'm looking for REAL stories, kid. Not fairy tales.

DAN:

It is a real story. It is...

JAKE:

Okay Okay Okay. I'll bite. What's your story.

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DAN:

See all this garbage?

JAKE:

...yeah.

DAN:

Most of it came from the switch house station in the painting,

JAKE:

This garbage came from that switch station in the painting, huh?

DAN:

Yes.

JAKE:

Don't tell me. There's a little man who lives in there...

DAN:

Yes. You know!

JAKE:

Oh sure. I know all about little men who live in pictures in the wall. That's why I'm the ace reporter on the Indian Valley Gazette.

DAN:

You don't believe me.

JAKE:

Run along, sonny, Before little men start flying out of my ears.

(DAN DEPARTS THE STATION. JAKE EXITS SHAKING HIS HEAD)

JAKE:

...kids today... I tell ya...wait...

(JAKE BLOCKS OUT HEADLINE COPY IN THE AIR)

Today's kids. Nuttier than ever!

(NAAAAAWWWWW. JAKE REJECTS THE HEADLINE AND EXITS)

(RUSTY MCRAIL ENTERS. HIS CLOTHES SUGGEST HE'S A RAILROAD MAN BUT A RAILROAD MAN FROM A FAR AWAY PLACE. HE BRUSHES THE DUST FROM HIMSELF. HE UNFOLDS HIS MAP, LOOKS UP FOR THE BEST LIGHT BY WHICH TO READ IT. HE TRIES HERE AND THERE. THEN OVER THERE. BECKY COMES OVER)

BECKY:

Hello.

RUSTY:

(RELUCTANT)

....lo....

**BECKY:** 

Can I help you?

RUSTY:

You want to help me?

a little man poops up on

Me C doss gret that, waves at Ran & writes

Den words back

BECKY:

Are you lost?

RUSTY:

Are YOU lost?

BECKY:

No.

RUSTY:

And here I am standing next to you and you're not lost so I must be doing just peachy... Child, I'm a grown man. I think I'm old enough to help myself, thank you.

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(HE RESUMES ANGLING THE MAP TO CATCH THE PROPER LIGHT)

SCENE 8 (INT. STACY'S BOOTH)

(DAN COMES BY)

DAN:

I'm all done, Aunt Stacy.

STACY:

Dan, what did you do with the trash?

DAN:

I put it on a train.

STACY:

What train?

DAN:

The one that stopped right outside that says "Garbage" on it.

(STACY THEN NOTICES RUSTY. SHE GOES TO HIM)

STACY:

Excuse me. Is that your train outside?

RUSTY:

Aye.

STACY:

The one marked "garbage".

RUSTY:

Aye.

STACY:

Can WE throw OUR garbage
in it?

RUSTY:

You might as well. Everyone else has.

(STACY GOES TO BILLY'S OFFICE AND CALLS IN)

STACY:

Billy, get those empty paint cans and anything else you want to throw away. There's a train outside collecting garbage.

(STACY GOES AND GETS THE STACKS OF NEWSPAPERS, SCHEMER COMES OVER)

SCHEMER:

We can dump our garbage on that train?

(SCHEMER GOES TO GATHER UP ALL OF THE WRAPPINGS)

(BILLY, STACY AND SCHEMER ALL RUSH OUT WITH ARMFULS OF TRASH)

(RUSTY LAYS HIS MAP OUT ON THE COUNTER. DAN COMES OVER)

DAN:

Hi

RUSTY:

Hi yourself. I suppose you want to know if you can be of help.

DAN:

No. What are you doing?

#### RUSTY:

I'm reading a map. Complicated things maps are. Has anyone ever taught you how to read a map, lad?

(DAN LOOKS AT IT THEN TURNS IT AROUND, RIGHT SIDE UP)

#### RUSTY:

Saaaay, you're a smart wee thing. How would you like to engineer a huge train? Try this on.

(RUSTY PUTS THE HAT ON DAN. IT GOES DOWN PAST HIS EARS)

DAN:

I can't see.

RUSTY:

That could hold you back.

(STACY, BILLY AND SCHEMER RETURN)

#### STACY:

Hello my name is Stacy Jones and I'm in charge of this station.

### RUSTY:

Rusty Rob MacRail, esquire. Chief engineer of the R & O freight line. How do you do?

### BILLY:

Thanks for letting us throw our junk on the train.

Greating approp to a 2nd meetings -> 2 should introduce myself.

STACY:

Is there anything we can do for you?

RUSTY:

"Do?" No there's nothing you can do. But you can tell me something.

BILLY:

What's that?

RUSTY:

You can tell me in the clearest possible manner the directions to the Indian Valley Garbage Dump.

(STACY AND BILLY EXCHANGE A CON-CERNED LOOK)

BILLY & STACY:

....it closed.

RUSTY:

Well, isn't that just grand. That's the kind of news that makes me want to kick my heels in the air. This must be my lucky day! ANOTHER dump closed.

(KARA JOINS THE GROUP AND PULLS ON HIS SLEEVE)

KARA:

Mister, is that your train outside?

RUSTY:

Aye.

BECKY:

It smells awful!

RUSTY:

Well Miss, you would too if you were stuffed to the roof with garbage sitting out in the sun for 30 days.

STACY:

Have you been travelling for a long time?

RUSTY:

Aye.

BILLY:

How did you get here?

RUSTY:

It's a long story.

SCHEMER:

Is it a sad story?

RUSTY:

Aye, parts of are truly tragic. I started out far far away with a song in my heart and a smile on my lips and a whole train load of filthy trash and dirty junk... and worst...half eaten egg salad sandwiches.

ALL:

Ooooooogggg!

RUSTY:

Well I chugged right down to the town dump. A wee dump. So wee in fact it was all filled up with trash and they had to close up gates. No more space, they said. So I had to go to the next dump. And wouldn't you know, that was filled up as well.

STACY:

Oh you poor man.

RUSTY:

"Not here". "Go away you filthy thing". "Take your trash somewhere else." They yelled at me. It's I just want to empty my train and take a bath and go home. "Well you'll not my fault. not be emptying it here, you big smelly man." Place after place was closed.

BILLY:

That's awful. they to say

RUSTY:

Aye, it is.

(THEY ALL SHAKE THEIR LOWERED HEADS IN REGRET)

When they think 2 can hear the , they even any that 2 mell like garbage

ALL:

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes. Awful, awful, awful. Awful, awful. I not un wason

STACY:

So I guess you'll be moving on to look for another dump.

SCHEMER:

Yeah, you better get started.

BILLY:

The track is all clear.

DAN:

Here's your hat.

SCHEMER:

The sooner you get going, the sooner you'll quit stinking up the joint.

RUSTY:

Well, I like that.

(BEGINS AGITATED PACING)

## RUSTY (CONT'D):

One minute you're telling me, there, there, dear sweet man and the next you're giving me the "May we please boot. throw our trash in your Rusty?" train, certainly." "Now will you please get done with you stinky man." thought you people were a bit special. But you're the same as the others. You don't understand: There's no where to dump the garbage. I have no where to go!

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Jelwer slowly

(HE TURNS AND EXITS OUT ON THE PLATFORM. THE GROUP IS FEELING GUILTY)

#### STACY:

It's just...no one wants to have a train load of garbage sitting at their station.

BILLY:

Our garbage just doesn't go away like it used to.

It's become a very serious problem for everybody.

#### SFX: FLY BUZZ

## **SCHEMER:**

Not for the flies. They seem to really love it.

(THEY ALL START SWATTING FLIES AWAY)

SCHEMER:

Get away....

(SCHEMER'S SWATTING PROPELS HIMSELF AROUND THE ROOM)

(MR. C APPEARS TO DAN)

MR. C:

Hello Dan, what's the Buzz? Are these honey bees?

DAN:

No, they're garbage flies.

MR. C:

Not the same thing, is it? I'm quite fond of honey bees. Haven't made up my mind about garbage flies.

DAN:

Are there a lot of honey bees on Sodor?

MR. C:

Indeed there are. James had quite an experience with honey bees. I'll never forget it. Nor will he. I'll tell you all about it.

SCENE 9

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Costs we turn tall that gorbage into similar we can use?

#### SCENE 10

(KARA AND BECKY ARE NOW PRESENT. KARA IS HOLDING HER NOSE)

KARA:

Too bad this garbage can't fly away.

DAN:

(TO MR. C)

The garbage dump is closed.

MR. C:

Well, remember for every door that closes, a window opens.

DAN:

The window's shut and it still smells in here.

BECKY:

He doesn't mean that. You mean like the expression: If life gives you lemons, you make lemonade.

MR. C:

Exactly! If you can't throw away the garbage, what else can you do with it?

(THE KIDS GIVE EACH OTHER A PUZZLED LOOK)

SCENE 11 (INT. ENTRANCE)

(JAKE SCOOP ENTERS)

JAKE:

I can smell a story here. Whooooaaaa!

(JAKE CROSSES TO STACY. **EVERYONE** IS NOW WEARING CLOTHES PINS ON THEIR NOSES)

STACY:

Here....

(STACY HANDS HIM A CLOTHES PIN FOR HIS NOSE. HE PUT IT ON)

JAKE:

Yetz, dat's mutz bedder.

STACY:

Da garbage drain outdide has no dware to doe.

(JAKE BLOCKS OUT HEADLINE)

JAKE:

GARBAGE DUB OPENDS AT DINNING DIME DATION.

STACY:

Oh no...Dee hab do figure oud someding.

(BILLY, ALSO CLOTHES PINNED, COMES OVER READING A NEWSPAPER)

BILLY:

Dere's a story 'ere about how da vaa-wee reaway needs a recycling denter...

Backy 2 wrote a stary once for our class newspages about reaching centers

JAKE:

Did I dwite it?

What's a veryling center

(BILLY CHECKS THE BYLINE. BECKY COMES OVER)

BILLY:

Doe.

BECKY:

Wad's a retycling center? Billee?

BILLY:

Waael, it's wden all da twaash gets separwayted ...all da glass, all da cans, all da papers and dey get to be reused. Becky

wash more a offer

(BECKY EYES WIDEN)

BECKY: > Ra.

Dat's a great idea! Does Mr. MacRail know about recycling?

BILLY:

I don't doe.

(BECKY RUNS OUT)

STACY:

But Becky, we don't HAVE a recycling centre.

JAKE:

Dwere id she doe-ing?

STACY:

She's definately god somding on her mied.

SCENE 12 (INT. ENTRANCE)

(BECKY RETURNS PULLING RUSTY ALONG)

RUSTY:

Calm down lass. Let me understand you. You want to turn my train into a recycling centre?

BECKY:

We can help you.

RUSTY:

You're just a wee girl.

BECKY:

We can recycle that garbage.

RUSTY:

Recycle. You mean go through all that filthy trash and sort it out?

BECKY: makes it useful again

Yetz!

RUSTY:

You're talking about a whole trainful, lass, do you know that?

(THE OTHERS GATHER AROUND)

BECKY:

Yetz!

RUSTY:

There's a fair amount of half eaten egg salad sandwiches in there...

ALL:

Oggggg.....

BILLY:

We can compost dose.

RUSTY:

Are all you people willing to do that for me?

ALL:

Yetz!

RUSTY:

You're a fine bunch. Well, lets get at it then.

(THEY ALL EXIT)

(SCHEMER REMAINS)

**SCHEMER:** 

Ode eeg salad sandwiches. Ogggggg. I can't. I'll help by...playing dome.. redeycling music indead.

(SCHEMER CROSSES TO THE JUKEBOX)

Oh, Kee-mer, could you? Why, ob course I wood. You're duch a wonderbul person...I doe...I doe...

and use it for our souten

SCENE 13 (INT. JUKEBOX)

(THE MONEY ROLLS DOWN)

TITO:

I recognize this nickel.

GRACE:

That coin rolled down here six times this week.

TEX:

Garbage isn't the only thing that gets recycled.

REX:

Well let's recycle some fine old tune and make it fresh as now new

TITO:

How about.....

DIDI:

That's a good workin' song.

TITO:

...and a one: and a two: and a one, two, three...

Die been working on the vail tood

SCENE 14 (INT. STACY'S DESK)

(RUSTY IS ON THE PHONE)

RUSTY:

Aye, of course I can be there. A half an hour. Certainly. My train's all loaded.

(REPLACES THE RECEIVER. HE ADDS TO THE LIST ON WHICH HE'S BEEN WRIT-ING)

Can you beat that.

BECKY:

Who was it?

RUSTY:

A plastic manufacturer will pay me money for the big plastic pile. And so will a can maker for the can pile.

BECKY:

Can they really turn all that back into new?

RUSTY:

Aye, they ran. Make it all useful again. And I've got to bring it to them. I'm back in business. I'm the NEW recycle express! And if I'm not mistaken, I owe it all to you, young lady. You've done more good here than you know. I thank you.

BECKY:

Will we see you again?

it your when

you were will, lass

## SCENE 14 (CONT'D)

(OTHERS GATHER AROUND)

RUSTY:

It's hard to say, lass. But I know I have a new mission: Where ever you see a pile of trash that needs sorting and hauling: somewhere nearby, there I'll be. Wish me luck.

ALL:

....good luck.

RUSTY:

You're a fine bunch and remember, Garbage...let's not make so much of it.

(THE GANG WAVES HIM OFF)

Oh . . . .

(RUSTY REMEMBERS SOMETHING, GOES TO THE DESK AND TAKES A CLOTHESPIN)

Just in case ....

(HE CLIPS IT ON HIS NOSE)

Dood bye ebbybody.

(THEY WAVE HIM OUT)

ALL:

Dood by...oh,
Good bye, Good bye.

(END)

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